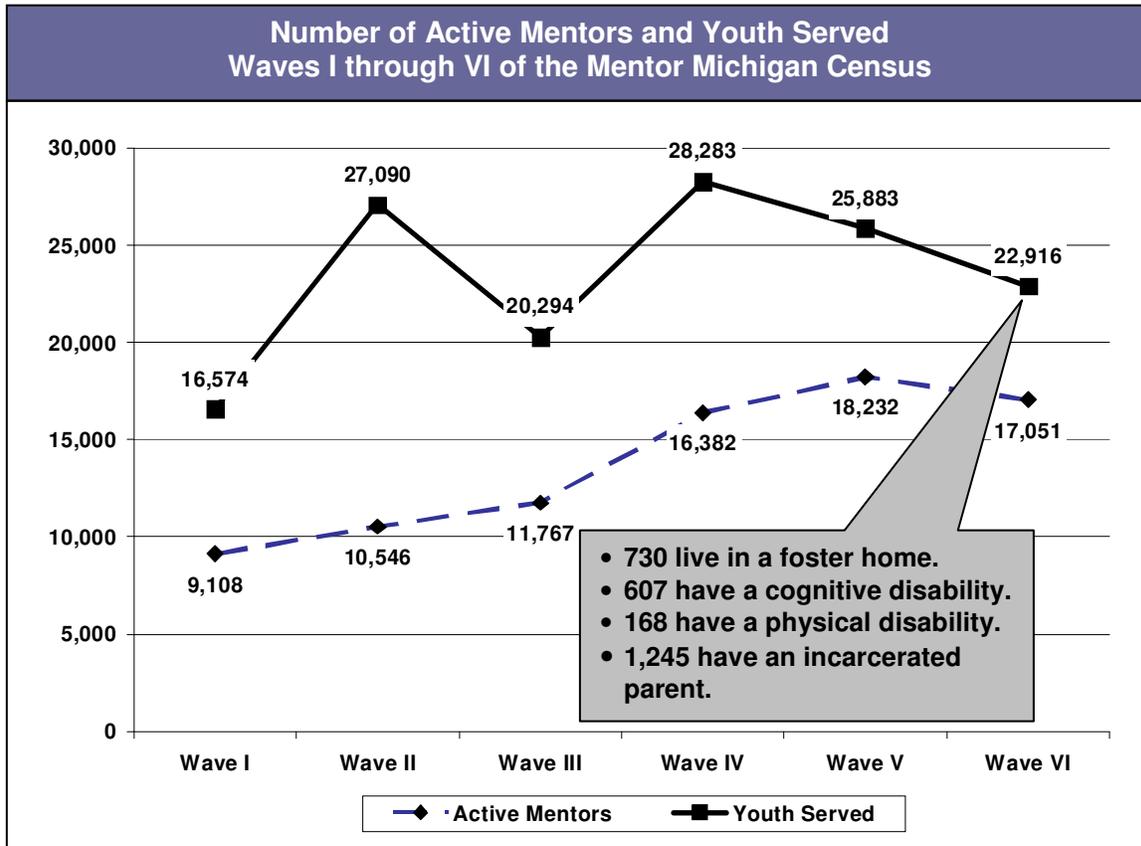




# Mentor Michigan Census

## Wave VI: Executive Summary

Wave VI of the Mentor Michigan Census (MMC) was conducted in September and October of 2008 via an online survey. One hundred and forty three mentoring organizations operating 239 distinct programs completed the census, *the highest number ever recorded*. These organizations operate mentoring programs in 47 of Michigan's 83 counties. With 227 organizations in the Mentor Michigan Registry, this survey achieved a 63% response rate.



| Gender and Race/Ethnicity:<br>Wave VI Youth and Mentors |       |         |
|---|-------|---------|
|   | Youth | Mentors |
| <b>Gender</b>   |       |         |
| Male  | 49%   | 36%     |
| Female  | 51%   | 64%     |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>                                   |       |         |
| Caucasian   | 40%   | 71%     |
| African American  | 45%   | 23%     |
| Latino/a  | 9%    | 2%      |
| Native American   | 2%    | <1%     |
| Other   | <5%   | <4%     |

| Age:<br>Wave VI Youth and Mentors |     |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| <b>Youth</b>                      |     |
| Under 5                           | 1%  |
| 6-11                              | 42% |
| 12-14                             | 29% |
| 15-18                             | 25% |
| 19-25                             | 2%  |
| <b>Mentors</b>                    |     |
| Under 18                          | 15% |
| 18-25                             | 20% |
| 26-55                             | 50% |
| 56+                               | 15% |

### Wave VI Demographics: Notable Changes from Wave V

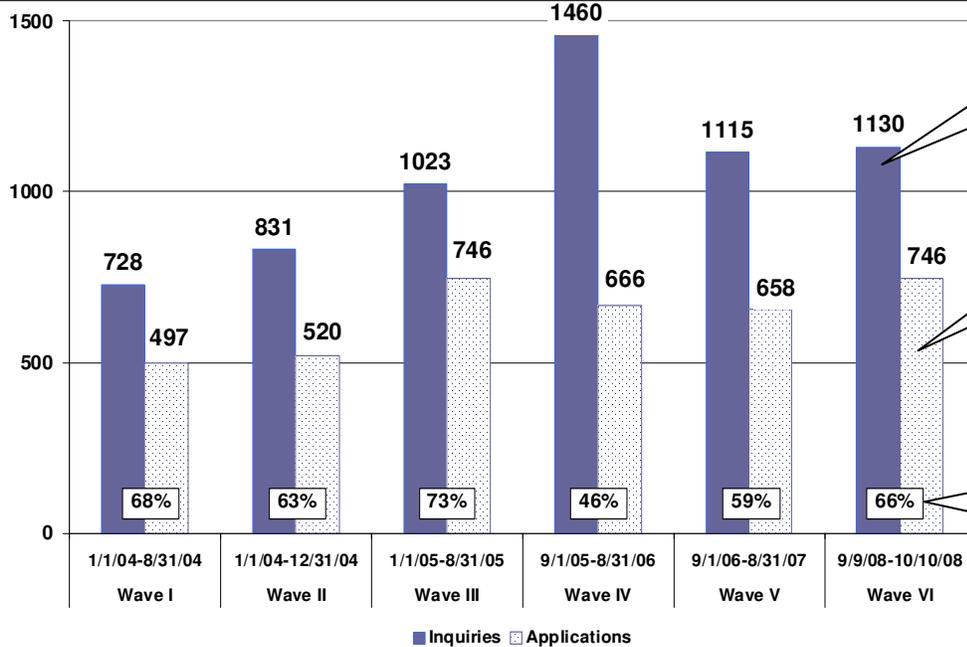
- Male youth served increased by 1 percentage point. The proportion of male mentors declined slightly from last wave.
- African American and Latino/a youth served increased by 3 and 2 percentage points respectively. Caucasian youth served declined by 6 percentage points.
- Youth under the age of 12 served declined by 12 percentage points; proportionately more older youth are being mentored.



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**Average Number of *Monthly* Mentor Inquiries and Written Applications: Waves I through VI of the Mentor Michigan Census**



Total Wave VI mentor inquiries=13,556  
**Up 186 from Wave V.**

Total mentor written applications=8,954  
**Up 1,063 from Wave V.**

Percent of mentor inquiries resulting in written applications.  
**Up 7 percentage points from Wave V.**

In addition to the increase in the use of screening across several categories, 16% of organizations use SafetyNet to conduct background checks.

**Nearly 50% of organizations report that the *Mentor MI Program Quality Standards* have been “very helpful” to their ongoing work. Better screening, more training and support, and fewer short-term matches are a result.**

- 74% of mentors received 2 hours or more of pre-match training.
- 75% of mentors received 2 hours or more of post-match support.
- 64% of Wave VI organizations report a minimum allowable match duration of 9 months or more.
- 93% of Wave VI organizations require matches to spend at least one hour together weekly.

**Screening Procedures Used by Wave VI Organizations for Mentor Applicants**

|                               | Percent | Change from Wave V  |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------------------|
| <b>Registry-Based</b>         |         |                     |
| FBI Fingerprint               | 13%     | Not asked in Wave V |
| Child Abuse Registry          | 49%     | <b>+3%</b>          |
| Driving Record/ License Check | 56%     | <b>+5%</b>          |
| ICHAT                         | 61%     | Not asked in Wave V |
| Sex Offender Registry         | 69%     | No Change           |
| <b>In-Person/ Written</b>     |         |                     |
| Personal Character Reference  | 82%     | <b>+1%</b>          |
| Employment Reference          | 31%     | <b>+2%</b>          |
| Written Application           | 88%     | <b>+3%</b>          |
| Personal Interview            | 89%     | <b>+5%</b>          |
| Home Assessment               | 14%     | <b>+1%</b>          |
| Home Visit                    | 17%     | <b>+6%</b>          |

**Matching, Training and Support from Wave VI Organizations**

|  | Mean        |
|--|-------------|
| Pre-match, face-to-face mentor training                    | 6.3 hours   |
| Post-match, 1 year of mentor training & support            | 13.9 hours  |
| Minimum time per week required for match to meet in person | 2.4 hours   |
| Minimum time requirement for duration of a match           | 9.4 months  |
| Average time for a match                                   | 13.5 months |